

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to update the Partnership and Committee on the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan.

2 Bellshill Town Centre Framework and Action Plan

- 2.1 The Council is currently progressing survey and consultation work associated with the first phase of town centre frameworks which will form the basis of the new Town Centre Action Plans - see www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/towncentres Bellshill town centre will be within the second phase to be progressed and it is planned to commence survey and consultation work on the Bellshill town centre framework in spring 2013.
- 2.2 This will involve undertaking surveys with town centre businesses and traders and customer perception surveys with the people of Bellshill and other town centre users. The customer perception surveys will be undertaken using survey machines located in key buildings and facilities in the town centre during late April and May 2013. Customers will also be able to participate in the survey online on the Council's website.
- 2.3 Workshops and drop-in sessions will also be arranged with Council services, Local Members, partners, town centre stakeholders, trader representatives, community and local interest groups in May 2013. All points raised will go online at www.northlan.gov.uk/bellshill. Future partnership meetings will be informed of progress and members involved as the framework develops.
- 2.4 Part of the recently completed public realm works at James Dempsey Way have been subjected to vandalism for the second time since they were installed. In March last year the cost of replacing 4 missing slats from 2 benches and the lamps at the top of 3 light stacks was £3,500. Now the lamps on the four light stacks have been destroyed. As an interim measure these have been made safe by the Council's Lighting Team. In addition vandals have again removed some of the wooden slats forming part of the seating.
- 2.5 Minor repair works are required to some of the paving within the town centre streetscape. Resolving these and the more extensive repairs at James Dempsey Way are currently the subject of discussions between Planning & Development and the Transportation Team.

3. Capital Budget

- 3.1 No funding for Bellshill Town Centre has been allocated in the Council's Capital Programme for 2013/14 to 2017/18. The new Framework and Action Plan for Bellshill town centre strategy for the next 10 year period will therefore need to identify opportunities for external funding.

4. Town Centre Activities

- 4.1 Footfall - The UK footfall figures for October, November and December show a national average fall of 4% on the same period last year, Bellshill is currently slightly higher than the national average.

Town Centre	Q2 Jul-Sep 2012/13	Q3 Oct-Dec 2012/13	% comparison between Q2 and Q3	Q3 Oct -Dec 2011/12	% comparison Q3 2011/12 and Q3 2012/13
Bellshill	1542803	1438323	-6.77	1498998	-4.05

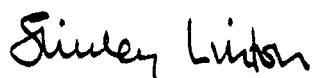
- 4.2 **CCTV Incident Analysis** - There were a total number of 20 incidents recorded for quarter 3 of 2012/13 for Bellshill Town Centre.
- 4.3 Bellshill Events - TCA will run an Easter Fun Day on the 5th April within Bellshill town centre. The next Town Centre Forum will take place on the 14th May at 5.30 within the YMCA.

5. Business Improvement Districts

- 5.1 As reported at the last meeting, the Council is currently looking into the potential for establishing Business Improvement Districts (BID) in North Lanarkshire's town centres. A BID is a defined area within which a levy is generated from all non domestic ratepayers and used to provide services additional to local authority baseline services. Work to engage with town centre businesses to raise awareness of BIDs is underway with an event being held in Airdrie on Wednesday 20 March at the Tudor Hotel and at The Moorings Hotel in Motherwell on Wednesday 27th March. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2013 and reported in due course.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note progress made on the projects and initiatives contained within the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan.



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